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DETAILS

A. CHARACTERIZATIONS OF COMMITTEE
AND PRINCIPALS

Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of Conspiracy to commit Espionage on behalf

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of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, the New York Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Sobell Committee will be referred to by the initials CSJMS, NYCSJMS and SC where appropriate in this report.

B. PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

[REDACTED] advised on July 18, 1960, that MORTON SOBELL had been convicted of Conspiracy to commit Espionage with his codefendants JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and had been sentenced to serve 30 years in prison. The informant said that the committee had been originally formed approximately ten years previous to secure the freedom of all three persons, but that a few years later, it was decided that concentration of the efforts of the committee should be on MORTON SOBELL who was still living and that after he was freed the work of the committee would concentrate on vindicating ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 18, 1956, that WILLIAM
WOLF [REDACTED] who was active in the
youth movement in the Communist Party (CP) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] an admitted
member of the CP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] identified on February 2,
1944, HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs.
MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education
and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington,
D.C., as of February 1, 1944. b7d

[REDACTED] advised
during 1950 that the SOBELL family had resided
at this address from about July, 1931 to
December, 1940. [REDACTED] advised that on several
occasions during this period Mrs. SOBELL had
requested him to join the CP and he added
that although he believed ROSE SOBELL to be
a CP member because of this, he could not
confirm her as a member of the CP or a
Communist front organization. b7d

[REDACTED] advised on October
20, 1954, that he had been a member of the
CP in [REDACTED] and
that LEAH SCHNEIDER had been an active member
of the City Branch of the CP in Austin, Texas.
[REDACTED] advised that because SCHNEIDER was an
alien, extra security precautions were taken
to conceal her party membership. b7d

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[REDACTED] advised on April 27, 1944, that
AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for
six years [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to
KATZ in 1944 held CP membership [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on January 13, 1959,
that EVELYN MANN HARAP was a member
of the Chelsea-Lincoln Square Section
of the CP, but that she had left the
CP following the resignation of JOHN
GATES in the spring of 1958 [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] advised on September 2, 1954, that
MARGARET KANTER BLAU was the Organizational
Secretary of the Fifth North Section of
the Upper West Side Region of the New York
State CP at one period of time between 1948
and 1950. b7d

E. FUNDS

[REDACTED] advised on the indicated dates that
the bank balances of [REDACTED] which account was maintained
at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, New York
City, on the indicated dates were as follows:

Date of Balance

Balance

Date Advised

[REDACTED]

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The information furnished by [REDACTED]
is not to be made public except in the usual
proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena
duces tecum.

The officer to be subpoenaed to produce the
information furnished by [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company,
Fifth Avenue and 20th Street, New York City.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that
LEAH SCHNEIDER stated on [REDACTED] that one of
the main duties of the committee was the collecting
of money, and that ROSE SOBELL was at that time on the
West Coast attending affairs in the San Francisco and
Los Angeles areas. [REDACTED] said that SCHNEIDER stated
that money was collected in the following manner:

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1. A rummage store at which everything/^{was} donated
and then sold.
2. Parties held at public places.
3. House parties sponsored by private people.
4. Collections made by appeals in the mail.

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[REDACTED] advised on March 13, 1961, that a buffet dinner and reception was held in honor of HELEN SOBELL on March 11, 1961, in Queens, New York City. [REDACTED] advised that an admission charge of \$2.00 was made and that food and drinks were sold in order to raise money for the struggle to secure the release of MORTON SOBELL. [REDACTED] advised that no announcement was made concerning the amount of money raised. b7D

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G. PUBLICITY

A characterization of "Jewish Currents" and the "National Guardian" may be found in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

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On pages 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the January, 1961 issue of "Jewish Currents" is a feature article by Staff Writer IRENE PAULL entitled, "Petition and Prayer in Washington", which article reports the presence in Washington, D.C. on November 19 and 20, 1960, of a group of prominent individuals who petitioned the President of the United States for clemency for MORTON SOBELL.

On page 11 of the January 2, 1961, January 9, 1961, and January 16, 1961 issues of the "National Guardian" are paid advertisements for a party to be held in New York City on January 21, 1961, under the auspices of the SC.

Advertisements for affairs sponsored by various SC affiliates throughout the country appear in the following issues of the "National Guardian":

January 16, 1961, March 6, 1961, March 20, 1961, March 27, 1961, May 29, 1961, June 5, 1961, and June 12, 1961.

On page 11 of the June 5, 1961, June 12, 1961, and June 19, 1961, issues of the "National Guardian" is a paid advertisement which states in part that "friends will pay tribute to ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG on the 8th anniversary of their execution, Sunday, June 18, 12:00 p.m. at Wellwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, New York...".

On page 49 of the June 7, 1961 issue of the "New York Post", a New York City daily newspaper, is

a feature column under the byline MURRAY KEMPTON, entitled, "Love Story", which article reports sympathetically on the 11 year struggle of HELEN SOBELL to secure freedom for her husband.

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"THE NEW REPUBLIC SPEAKS OUT--One of the country's leading opinion magazines has published an editorial on the Sobell case.....


"THE PROGRESSIVE ADDS ITS VOICE--For many years the Progressive Magazine has been regarded as an authoritative voice of liberal opinion in the country...

"ORGANIZATIONS ACTING--The latest organizational group to take important action on the Sobell case is the Joint Commission on Social Action of the United Synagogues of America, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the National Women's League of the United Synagogues and the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs...

"CLERGYMEN CONTINUE ACTION--We have heard reports of how inspired members of the clergy are as a result of their attending the Washington gathering or in some way participating in the clergy appeal...

"WASHINGTON EXHIBIT IN USE--Several committees have started to make use of the attractive and impressive exhibit that was prepared specially for use at the Hotel Shoreham in Washington...."

H. COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION

 could not find anyone to assume responsibility for the SC, that the committee had done a good job over the years since

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it had held many meetings and had raised a good deal of money. [REDACTED] only seven or eight people were active in the committee but that many people were fund raising prospects and would help [REDACTED] for large affairs. B7D

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NY T-12 advised during January, 1961, that a meeting of the Amalgamated Club of the New York Industrial Branch of the CP was held in New York City on January 23, 1961, and among the items of business discussed was a reminder by one functionary of the fact that the New York Region of the CP was holding a meeting on January 28, 1961, to raise funds for the SC.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] and among the items of business discussed was the urging of all present to send letters to President KENNEDY and Attorney B7D

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General KENNEDY to urge freedom for and a review of the case of MORTON SOBELL.

NY T-13 advised on February 28, 1961, that an individual had saved clothes and other items for a bazaar being held to raise funds for "The Worker", an east coast Communist weekly newspaper, requested information of personnel at CP Headquarters as to where these clothes should be sent and was informed that "The Worker" bazaar had already been held and that all material not sold at this bazaar had been turned over to the SC which needed items for its fund raising bazaar.



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I. APPENDIX

"JEWISH CURRENTS"
Formerly known as "Jewish Life"

"Jewish Life" for October, 1957, announced that after the October issue, and with the next issue to be published in January, 1958, the magazine was changing its name to "Jewish Currents," because of the claim to the name "Jewish Life" by the magazine "Orthodox Jewish Life".

The May, 1961, issue reported that "Jewish Currents" is published by Jewish Currents, Inc., Room 601, 22 East 17th Street, New York City.

Concerning "Jewish Life," the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, dated January 2, 1957, and prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, stated:

"(1) Cited as a Communist front which first appeared in November, 1946, as a monthly published by the Morning Freiheit Association, publishers of the Yiddish Communist daily, 'Morning Freiheit'..... The first issue contained this announcement of policy: 'Jewish Life dedicates itself to strengthening the friendship of the Jewish people with the Soviet Union.....'

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 93.)"

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NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian"

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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New York, New York
July 26, 1961

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Title Committee to Secure Justice
 for Morton Sobell

Character Internal Security - C
 Internal Security Act of 1950

Reference

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) used
in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

NY T-9, NY T-12, and NY T-13, who were
in a position to furnish reliable information.

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REPORTING OFFICE SAN DIEGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 7/31/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/10 - 25/61
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY blc
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

REFERENCE: Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 1/27/61, San Diego. **02C**

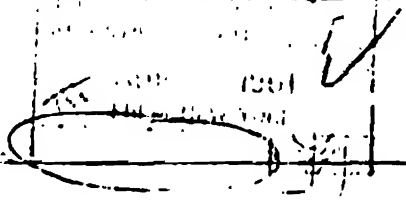
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LEADSLOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished to Los Angeles for information.

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the San Diego Sobell Committee which is an affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

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The appendix pages to this report were mailed 8/21/61.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of
Source

File Number
Where Located

SD T-1 is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and orally instant
report

SD T-2 is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and orally instant
report

SD T-3 is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and orally instant
report

SD T-4 is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and orally instant
report

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are sources used to
characterize the SDSC.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Careful consideration has been given to each source
concealed and T-symbols were used in this report only in those
instances where the identity of the informants must be concealed.

This report is classified "~~Confidential~~" since data
reported from SD T-1 through SD T-4, if revealed, could reasonably
result in identification of confidential informants of continuing
value and compromise the effectiveness thereof.

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the information contained therein does not lend itself to
extensive topical breakdown.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 - Counter Intelligence Corps, 115th Detachment,
San Diego (RM)
1 - District Intelligence Office, 11th Naval District,
San Diego (RM)
1 - Office Special Investigations, Maywood (RM)

Report of: [REDACTED] **Office:** SAN DIEGO

Date: 7/31/61 **bx**

Field Office File #: San Diego 100-9380 **Bureau File #:** 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

MILTON LESSNER is Chairman of the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), the San Diego, California, affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. The SDSC held a meeting in March, 1961, at which Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN was the main speaker. Informants report SDSC has no organized membership and holds no regularly scheduled meetings.

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DETAILS: [REDACTED] advised on December 16, 1959, that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) is the San Diego, California, affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED] advised on December 2, 1960, and on July 11, 1961, that MILTON LESSNER is chairman of the SDSC. [REDACTED] said that it is his understanding that the SDSC has no regular membership but that it announces any scheduled activities through meetings of the San Diego Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SDP-SWP). [REDACTED] further said that the SDSC holds no regularly scheduled meetings, but has meetings only on isolated occasions when some dignitary of the Sobell Committee comes to the San Diego area to visit or speak, or when the national Sobell Committee needs funds.

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on July 11, 1961, that MILTON LESSNER is a member of the San Diego County Communist Party (SDCCP) and

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chairman of the SDSC. This source stated that the SDSC has no regular membership and announces its scheduled activities at Communist Party (CP) club meetings. Further, the source advised that the SDSC, which is a very loosely knit organization, holds no regularly scheduled meetings, but has meetings only when the National Sobell Committee asks for a fund-drive or when MORTON SOBELL's wife or some dignitary of the Sobell Committee visits San Diego.

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[REDACTED] advised on July 11, 1961, that ARTHUR STEVENS is a member of the SDCCP.

On March 21, 1961, [REDACTED] made available a copy of an announcement captioned: "AN EYE-WITNESS REPORT ON YOUTH AND CULTURE-- East and West, by Dr. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN, PH.D., Brilliant critic and author of 'Great Tradition in English Literature- - - From Shakespeare to Shaw' and 'Realistic Ethics', and formerly Instructor of: Philosophy at New York University; Tourist Group Leader and Lecturer."

The announcement went on to state that Dr. RUBINSTEIN had recently returned from a three month European lecture tour, having spoken before almost fifty audiences in over a dozen principal cities; that she had

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lectured before the Institute of World Literature and the Union of Soviet Writers in Moscow, the University English Department in Warsaw, the Shakespeare Society in Prague, the Union of German Writers in Berlin, the English-American Institutes of the Universities of Greifswald, Jena, Leipzig, Potsdam, and Rostock. It reflected that Dr. RUBINSTEIN met informally with cultural groups in Paris, Stockholm and London, and was a guest of the 15th Annual Council Meeting of the Women's International Democratic Federation.

The announcement reflected that Dr. RUBINSTEIN would be the speaker at a meeting sponsored by the San Diego Sobell Committee on March 16, 1961, at 4190 Front Street, San Diego, California.

[REDACTED] advised on April 13, 1961, that on March 16, 1961, the SDSC held a meeting at the First Unitarian Church on Front Street, San Diego, California. Approximately 100 persons attended, several of whom were CP members or sympathizers. The chairman of the SDSC, MILTON LESSNER, opened the meeting by announcing that the case of MORTON SOBELL was again going before the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal and that funds were therefore needed. LESSNER then introduced as the main speaker for the evening. Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN who had recently returned from an extensive tour of Eastern Europe, Russia, and various iron-curtain countries. Dr. RUBINSTEIN spoke of her experience in Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. After RUBINSTEIN spoke, ARTHUR STEVENS made a pitch for funds and took up a collection; the amount received was not announced.

[REDACTED] advised on April 22, 1961, that on March 16, 1961, the SDSC held a meeting at 4190 Front Street, San Diego. MILTON LESSNER introduced the main speaker, ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN who spoke on her recent trip to Eastern Europe, Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Poland. RUBINSTEIN praised the progress being made in those countries and she criticized the attitudes of the youth of the United States as compared to the youth of Eastern Europe. ARTHUR STEVENS closed the meeting by asking those in attendance to donate freely. SD 7-4 advised that about 100 persons attended the meeting including various members of the SDB-SWP.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised on July 25, 1961, that they knew of no recent activity on the part of the SDSC since Dr. ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN spoke in San Diego in March, 1961.

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 FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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Reference report of SA [REDACTED] dated
 7/31/61, at San Diego.

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APPENDIX

San Diego Sobell Committee,
aka Morton Sobell Defense
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to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell

A confidential source advised on May 1, 1957, that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC), aka Morton Sobell Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, San Diego Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was organized on April 8, 1956, at San Diego, California, to help obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, convicted in 1951 for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. Source further advised that the SDSC is an adjunct of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, aka National Sobell Committee, New York, New York, which directs activities, policy and obtains financial support from the various Sobell committees throughout the country.

Another source advised on May 15, 1961, that the San Diego Sobell Committee is still in existence and is controlled and dominated by the Communist Party in San Diego, California, although its membership includes members of the Socialist Workers Party in San Diego.

The Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 8/2/61

FAF
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FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL; IS - C

On 7/27/61 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the following items:

One four-page leaflet regarding "Petition for Executive Clemency for Morton Sobell."

One Reprint from "New York Post," of 6/7/61, captioned, "Love Story," by MURRAY KEMPTON

One mimeographed letter dated July 1961, from The Philadelphia Sobell Committee

The first two items listed above are enclosed for New York.

The third item is being retained in Philadelphia file 100-37667. This letter states the high point in the case has been reached. The Clemency Petition has been filed and submitted. A decision is very likely in the next weeks. Support of recipient is requested.

2 - New York (Enc.-2) (RM)

3 - Philadelphia

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New York, New York
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Re: Committee to Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C

A characterization of the Committee to
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is attached.

On Page 22 of the August 1, 1961, issue of
the "New York Post", a New York City daily newspaper,
is an editorial concerning the securing of freedom
for Morton Sobell. This editorial is set forth as
follows:

"...And the Justice of a Free Society

"Our most dramatic answer to Khrushchev's
'21-year-plan' is not a matter of economic gospel or
production arithmetic. It is in the basic realm
of freedom. For despite all his Orwellian double-
talk, the Soviet premier holds out little prospect
of a society in which both liberty and justice will
prevail.

"Yet we repeatedly miss the chance to
underline the issue. We still submit to the excesses
of inquisitorial Congressional committees. We
still tolerate political blacklists. We keep on our
books the infamous Smith Act, which penalizes
advocacy rather than action. We jail men for in-
humanly long terms if their crimes bear a political taint.

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell

"A case very much in point is that of Morton Sobell. He was an appendage to the Rosenberg case; the late Justice Jerome Frank seriously questioned the propriety of the circumstances under which he was prosecuted and asked that he be granted a new trial. Sobell has now served more than 11 years; in this interim many men have studied the record and have concluded that the severity of the sentence imposed was a direct result of his inclusion in the Rosenberg trial.

"Dr. Sidney Hook, speaking last year for those who believe Sobell was guilty, but nevertheless believe he should be freed, added: '...we think that 10 years is ample sentence for what Sobell actually did and that, having served the 10, he should now be released... In view of the fact that no atomic espionage was even alleged against him, and that the sole witness testified merely to unsuccessful attempts to procure information, we think that Sobell should now be released from prison.'

"We believe this reflects widespread sentiment among those who have conscientiously reviewed the case. Sobell's plea for executive clemency is now pending. It should be granted both because that would be an act of justice and because it is in such acts that the strength and grandeur of a free society is proclaimed."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Attached hereto are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth an editorial appearing in the August 1, 1961, issue of the "New York Post" concerning the securing of the release of MORTON SOBELL.

The memorandum is not being classified in view of the fact that the information contained therein was obtained from a public source.

3 - Bureau (100-387835) (ATTN: G) (RM)
1 - New York (100-107111)

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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is exempt from disclosure, in its entirety, under (b)(7)(D) as information contained in this serial would identify an informant to whom an expressed promise of confidentiality has been given. This information includes dates and places of meetings which were attended by a limited number of people known to the informant and/or information from these meetings and situations in which an informant was in close contact with members of these organizations, disclosure of which would reveal his identity.

SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

8/3/61

SA [REDACTED] b7c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

b7c On June 27, 1961, and July 14, 1961, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the writer with handwritten reports containing results of the bank account of [REDACTED]

This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It should be noted that the information furnished by this informant is no longer in his possession.

The reports are filed in Chicago file [REDACTED]

The reports as they relate to the captioned organization are set forth as follows:

(1) - New York (RM) (100- [REDACTED]) (Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: August 4, 1961

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Re New York airtel dated 8-3-61 enclosing a letterhead memorandum setting forth an editorial appearing in the 8-1-61 issue of the "New York Post."

Perusal of the letterhead memorandum does not disclose that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) is mentioned or that the CSJMS has any connection with the editorial. It is noted that the letterhead memorandum was submitted under the caption of the CSJMS and that a characterization of this organization was attached as an appendix.

Unless the editorial resulted from activity of the CSJMS or the CSJMS was mentioned therein, the information furnished should have been under the caption of the Morton Sobell case inasmuch as it pertains to the securing of Sobell's release. New York should use care in future communications to utilize the appropriate caption for the information furnished.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100 - 107111) DATE: July 27, 1961

FROM : SA [REDACTED] Sent hl. B7c

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
IS - C ; ISL 150

In connection with the destruction of channelizing memoranda, the information contained on the serials listed below was incorporated in a report dated July 26, 1961. The review for this report was made from serial 4320 through serial 4491.

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	4387	4392	4395	4396	4398	4400		
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COMMITTEE

FILE NO. 100-107111

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Date: 1/18
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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		*	Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released		
4500	8/4/61	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	1	1		
4501	8/14/61	ENC TO 4502 NY LHM	3	1		
4502	8/14/61	Letter from NY to HQ Re: SUBJECT	1	1		
4503	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/19/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4504	8/14/61	Report from NH to HQ	8	8		
4505	8/15/61	CAPT: CSTMS Report from CG to HQ	34	—		— NR (before 2388) BUFILE # 65-58236
4506	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
NR	2/9/62	TRANSFER SHEET	1	1		
4507	—	transferred to 100-107211	—	—		
4508	—	transferred to 100-107211	—	—		
4509	8/17/61	AIRTEL from SD to HQ	1	1		
4510	8/17/61	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0		
4511	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		

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File No: 100 10711Re: Rosenberg / Sobell CommitteeDate: 1/78
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			Actual	Released		
4512	8/21/61	Report from MP to HQ	8	7		1
4513	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4514	8/29/61	LHM TO 4515	3	—		BUFILE # 101-2483
4515	8/29/61	NY LETTER TO HQ	1	—		BUFILE 101-2483
4516	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4517	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4518	9/5/61	Letter from HQ to NY	1	—		NY FILE # 100-37158
4519	9/7/61	LHM TO 4520	4	—		BUFILE # 101-2483
4520	9/7/61	NY LETTER TO HQ	2	—		BUFILE # 101-2483
4521	9/14/61	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	—		NY FILE # 100-109849
4522	9/15/61	Letter from PX to HQ	1	1		
4523	9/16/61	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		

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4524	9/14/61	NY LHM ENC. TO SERIAL 4525	4	2		1
4525	9/14/61	AIRTEL from NY to HQ	1	1		
4526	9/15/61	Letter from PD to HQ	1	1		
4527	9/18/61	NY LHM ENC. TO SERIAL 4528	2	2		
4528	9/18/61	Letter from NY to HQ	1	1		
4529	9/22/61	NY LHM ENC. TO SERIAL 4530	4	3		
4530	9/20/61	AIRTEL from NY to HQ	1	1		
4531	9/18/61	Report from AL to HQ	10	10		
4532	9/22/61	Letter from WFO to HQ	2	2		
4533	9/26/61	NY LHM ENC. TO SERIAL 4534	4	2		
4534	9/26/61	AIRTEL from NY to HQ	1	1		
4535	9/22/61	Letter from HQ to PX	1	1		

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4536	10/2/61	NY LHM ENC: TO SERIAL 4537	4	2		
4537	10/2/61	AIRTEL From NY to HQ	1	1		
4538	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4539	9/29/61	CG SA MEMO TO SAC	2	2		
4540	9/29/61	Report from SE to HQ	7	7		
4541	9/29/61	Report from PH to HQ	18	18		
4542	10/6/61	NY LHM TO HQ ENC. TO 4543	4	2		
4543	10/6/61	airtel from NY to HQ	2	2		
4544	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4545	9/18/61	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	2	0		
4545	9/21/61	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	—		NY FILE 100-109849
4546	10/3/61	NYSA MEMO TO SAC	10	—		NY File 100-109849

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Re: Rosenberg/Sobell Committee

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4547	10/6/61	Letter from HQ to AL	2	2		
4548	10/11/61	AIRTEL from NY to HQ	1	1		
4549	10/16/61	NY SA MEMO TO SAC	2	—		NY File # 100-109849
4550	10/2/61	BA SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0		
4551	10/14/61	AIRTEL From WFO to HQ	1	1		
4552	10/11/61	Letter from NY to DT	1	1		
4553	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4554	10/11/61	Letter from NY to WFO	5	—		NY File # 100-109849
4555	10/16/61	Letter from NY to WFO	5	—		NY File # 100-109849
4556	—	PER MEMO DATED 2/9/62 DESTROYED	—	—		
4557	10/18/61	Letter from AL to HQ	1	1		
4558	10/18/61	Report from BA to HQ	8	8		

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 8/4/61

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On 7/26/61, [REDACTED]
Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, Fifth Avenue and 20th
Street, New York City, made available to the writer on a
confidential basis bank records concerning the above captioned
account [REDACTED]

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A review of the records of the accounts reflected
no pertinent activity for the month of July, 1961 and the
balance of the above captioned account as of 7/26/61 was
\$131.54.

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The above information is not to be made public
except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a
subpoena.

The officer to be subpoenaed is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Chemical Bank New York Trust Company,
Fifth Avenue and 20th Street, NYC.

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FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

8/14/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
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The information contained herein was furnished by [REDACTED] on 8/14/61, to SA [REDACTED]. The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified confidential in view of the fact that it contains information secured from a confidential informant of continuing value and the unauthorized disclosure of the information contained therein could seriously impair the future effectiveness of this informant and the impairment could effect the national defense interest of the country.

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AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP (S) OF [REDACTED]
DATE 2/17/78

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TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY RRC
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA OF 1950	

References

Report of SA [REDACTED], 1/11/61, at New Haven *b7c*

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ADMINISTRATIVE

This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because information reported from [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identification of security informants and sources of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof. *b2*

Copies of this report furnished to intelligence agencies interested in activities of subject organization in Connecticut.

Inasmuch as investigation has not disclosed a branch of the CSJMS in Conn., and inasmuch as security informants and sources know of no activities of subject organization in 1961, and know of no plans for future activities of the CSJMS in Conn. in 1961, no further investigation is being conducted concerning subject organization at this time.

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INFORMANTS

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<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
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NH T-3 [REDACTED] b1	[REDACTED]
NH T-4 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]
NH T-5 [REDACTED] b1	
NH T-6 [REDACTED] b7D First New Haven National Bank, 1 Church St., New Haven, Conn. (requested)	100-14203-440, 444, 446, 448 Instant report, pg. 2

Informants contacted concerning their knowledge of CSJMS activities during June and July, 1961, are as follows:

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Informants

Date Contacted

Agent

[REDACTED]

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Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]
August 12, 1961

Office: NEW HAVEN

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Field Office File No.: 100-14203

Bureau File No.: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

Informants know of no activities of Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) in Conn., in 1961. LOUIS ZEMEL, New Haven, Conn., reported to have been active in CSJMS in Conn., in 1959-1960, is not known by informant to participate in CSJMS activities in 1961. Informants acquainted with Communist Party (CP) and CP front group activities in Conn., advise they know of no plans for future CSJMS activities in Conn. in 1961.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which is characterized in the Appendix section of this report, will be referred to in this report by the initials CSJMS.

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I. GENERAL ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTICUT

During the period January, 1961 to July, 1961, LOUIS ZEMEL Treasurer of Zemel Brothers, Inc., 160 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut, did not participate in any CSJMS activities in Connecticut, did not receive literature or correspondence from the CSJMS Headquarters in New York City, and did not utilize the commercial checking account of Zemel Brothers, Inc., to submit funds to the CSJMS Headquarters. During this period, according to the source, ZEMEL was completely occupied with the development and operation of the Powder Hill Ski area, Middlefield, Connecticut, which is owned by Zemel Brothers, Inc.

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LOUIS ZEMEL was identified on October 5, 1953, as an active CP sympathizer [REDACTED] b7D

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During the period December 1, 1960 through July 31, 1961, LOUIS ZEMEL did not issue any checks made payable to the CSJMS, drawn against the commercial checking account of Zemel Brothers, Inc., 160 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut, which checking account is maintained at the First New Haven National Bank, 1 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut. U

NH T-6 12/30/60 through
7/31/61.

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Information furnished by NH T-6 can be made public only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] First New Haven National Bank, 1 Church Street, New Haven. U

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Informants acquainted with some of the activities of the Communist Party and Communist Party front groups in Connecticut, advised during June and July, 1961, that they knew of no activities of the CSJMS in Connecticut in 1961 and knew of no plans for future CSJMS activities in 1961. U

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APPENDIX

CHARACTERIZATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven 10, Connecticut

August 14, 1961

In Reply, Please
Refer to File
No: 100-14203

RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
[REDACTED] at New Haven, Connecticut, b7c
dated and captioned as above.

Confidential informants utilized in referenced
report have furnished reliable information in the
past.

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per J.L. [REDACTED]

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Employee

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Employee

Location

8/7/61

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-9380)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 7/31/61 at San Diego. b7C

Enclosed are five copies each for the Bureau, two each for New York, and one each for Los Angeles of documentations of the San Diego Chapter and National Chapter of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Please add these documentations to your copies of rerep.

For the Bureau's information, outside agencies to whom copies of rerep were disseminated are being forwarded, by separate letters, copies of appropriate documentations.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C, SVP	

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated February 20, 1961, Minneapolis. **b7c**

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Report of: [REDACTED] Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date: 8/21/61 b7c

Field Office File No.: 100-8894 Chat huc Bureau File No.: 100-387835

Title: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C, SWP

Synopsis: [REDACTED] b1

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On May 3, 1961 a meeting of the MCSJMS was held at Minneapolis, Minnesota. There were from 50 to 55 persons present. The principal speaker was a well known American scientist who claimed that American authorities were either stupid or dishonest in sending NORTON SOBELL to jail on the charge of espionage. It was the speaker's belief that there was insufficient evidence against SOBELL.

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Since February, 1961, the MCSJMS has engaged only in the activities mentioned above in this report. There have been no activities of any nature since May 3, 1961. The organization as such still exists but it is in all respects inactive and the organization therefore exists in name only.

The downfall of the MCSJMS is attributable to the split which occurred in the Twin Cities Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (TCB, SWP), (which is characterized in the appendix hereto).

(The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450).

The break in the TCB, SWP arose between the St. Paul members on the one side and the Minneapolis members of the TCB, SWP on the other. Although the reason for the split or disagreement has been couched by the leadership in party terminology, the actual reason for the split was the fact that each faction wanted to rule the entire organization. It resolved itself basically into a proposition that too many people wanted to be leaders.

The TCB, SWP has controlled the MCSJMS for a long time. The conflict in the TCB, SWP carried over into the MCSJMS which in fact had been dominated by the St. Paul group.

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APPENDIX

TWIN CITIES BRANCH
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

A source advised on various dates between June and October, 1960, that the Twin Cities Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (TCB-SWP) is an affiliate of the Socialist Workers Party.

A second source advised on November 28, 1960, that the TCB-SWP was formed on August 21, 1955, through the merging of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Branches of the SWP. This merger was effected with the approval and under the direction of the National Office of the SWP.

The aim and purpose of this branch is to implement on a local basis the purpose set forth in Article II of the Constitution and By-Laws of the SWP adopted at the Foundation Convention in Chicago, Illinois, December 21, 1937, and January 1, 2, and 3, 1938; namely, "to educate and organize the working class for the abolition of Capitalism and the establishment of a worker's government to achieve Socialism."

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Currently, the TCB-SWP is fully organized and operates in headquarters located in Room 240, at 704 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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**COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL**

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The 1959-1960 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

August 21, 1961

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C, SWP**

All confidential informants and sources referred to in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned **b7c** as above at Minneapolis, Minnesota, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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9/15/61

SAC, PHOENIX (100-4333)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS - C
ISA OF 1950

Re Phoenix letter to the Bureau dated 3/16/61.

On 9/1/61 [redacted] and on 9/7/61 [redacted] and [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that there had been no known activities by or on the part of the Sobell Committee in Phoenix, Arizona, during the past six months. b7C, b7D

On 8/31/61 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that there has been no known activities on the part of the Sobell Committee in Tucson, Arizona, during the past six months. b7C, b7D

In view of the above, no report is being submitted and the Phoenix file is being placed in a pending inactive status for the next six months. Close contact will be maintained with confidential informants of the Phoenix Division so that future activities on the part of the Sobell Committee can be followed.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

9/8/61

SA [REDACTED] b7c

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On August 4, 1961, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the writer with a handwritten report. [REDACTED] the bank account of the captioned organization for the month of July, 1961. b7D, E

This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It should be noted that the information furnished by this source is no longer in his possession.

The report is filed in Chicago file [REDACTED] b7D

The report as it relates to the captioned organization is set forth as follows:

July, 1961

<u>Date</u>	<u>Checks</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
8	\$100.00		\$431.48
8			331.46
7	30.00	\$ 65.00	398.46
18	28.50		368.46
19	100.00		337.98
21			237.96
27	.75	183.00	420.96
27	30.00	124.00	420.21
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\$100.00	Comm. to Security Justice M. SOBELL	Comm. Exchange - New York
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New York, New York
September 14, 1961

Re: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

A characterization of the Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell is attached.

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Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA, 1950
(OO: NY)

Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, which contains information secured by [REDACTED] on 9/14/61 from [REDACTED] b7C, [REDACTED] b1

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/15/61

SAC, PORTLAND (100-9004)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON
SOBELL
IS - C; ISA, 1950

Re report SA [REDACTED] dated 3/15/61 at b7c
Portland.

Since submission of referenced report, no information indicating any activity whatsoever on the part of subject organization in the Portland area has come to the attention of the Portland Division.

Reliable confidential security informants have advised that they know of no activity by the committee or its leader, Mrs. ROSE LEOPOLD.

In view of the above, no report is being submitted at this time.

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September 18, 1961

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For Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C;
Internal Security Act of 1950

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Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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IS-C; ISA OF 1950
(OO: NY)

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New York, New York
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Bureau 100-387835

Re: Committee to Secure Justice
For Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

A characterization of the Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell and for the Emergency Civil
Liberties Committee is attached hereto.

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For Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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For Merton Sobell
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

- "1. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1955, p. 91.)'

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 3/22/61. *b7c*

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The sources used to document the Syracuse Sobell Committee
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LEAD:

ALBANY DIVISION

AT SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Will follow and report the activities of captioned organization and of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Copy to: 1-G-2, New York
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1-OSI, Rome, N.Y.Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

Informants advise LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y. is the chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee, an affiliate of the subject organization. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:PREFACE

On September 18, 1960, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the Syracuse Sobell Committee is still an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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SYRACUSE SOBELL COMMITTEE

On July 10, 1959 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished information that showed that the Syracuse Sobell Committee was affiliated with the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York and that the Syracuse Sobell Committee had been formed for five years. b7D

A confidential source advised on March 1, 1961 that the Syracuse Sobell Committee is still in existence.

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On September 16, 1960 the source advised that LILLIAN REINER, 1009 Cumberland Avenue, Syracuse, New York, was chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee and on the same date stated that JANE ANDERSON was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

Another confidential source advised that as of March 11, 1951, LILLIAN REINER was not known as a Communist Party member, but as chairman of the American Labor Party at Syracuse, New York, worked closely with Communist Party members.

See Appendix for the characterization of the American Labor Party.

Another confidential source advised on September 23, 1959, that JANE ANDERSON was a current member of the Communist Party at Syracuse, New Yrk.

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The informant stated that YURI SUHL (described [REDACTED] as humorist and author of "One Foot in America" and other books) was the main speaker. The informant stated that SUHL spoke on his trip abroad through countries behind the iron curtain. He stated that he found these countries in the process of building and getting stronger and stated that if they were left alone and peace prevails they will achieve their goal of workers' democracy. He stated that everywhere he went he found a strong desire for peace from the workers, intellectuals and government officials. He described the farm communes, the theatres, the factories with full libraries and club rooms which they never had before. b7D

SUHL speaking on the Sobell case expressed optimism that the Kennedy administration is willing to listen and meet with top Sobell council members. He stated that the final push was on and that letters to President KENNEDY by top people in professions and clergy are essential. He also stated that money was needed.

The informant stated that a collection was taken [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that ELIZABETH ALLEN was a member of the Northside Communist Party Club at Syracuse, New York [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that JUDITH KORNBLITZ was a member of the CP at Syracuse, New York, as of that date.

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[REDACTED]

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that JANE FELD was elected Educational Secretary of the Syracuse Women for Peace [REDACTED]

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The Syracuse Women for Peace has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that EMERY PESKO was a member of the CP [REDACTED] at Syracuse, New York.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that IDA KOSOFF was a member of the CP at Syracuse, New York, as of that date and was a charter member of the CP in the Syracuse area.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that LIANE ANDERSON attended a meeting of the Communist Party (CP) at Syracuse, N.Y. [REDACTED]

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that LILLIAN REINER was not a member of the CP to his knowledge, but that she worked closely with the CP.

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[REDACTED] This informant reported substantially the information as set forth above, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED], that ELSIE COHN attended a CP meeting at Syracuse, New York, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED], that DORYL TRISCHKA was a member of the CP during the period of 1946-1949.

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[REDACTED] This informant furnished substantially the same information as set out above [REDACTED]

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APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

"For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn Sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the *** American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label." (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

On October 7, 1956, PETER HAWLEY, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party state committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Albany, New York

AL 100-13260

September 22, 1961

Title

COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character

Reference

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated 9/22/61 at Albany.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-337835)

9/22/61

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA OF 1950
(OO:NY)

Rerep of SA [REDACTED], dated 3/23/61, and
NYairtel dated 9/18/61. b7C

Since the period covered by rerep, no activity has
been engaged in by the Washington Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell (WCSJMS).

On 9/15/61, [REDACTED] reported that the local organi-
zation is still affiliated with the Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell in New York, but that there has been no local
activity since the meeting at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington,
D.C., in November, 1960.

[REDACTED] The informant
stated that there is no formal organization in Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED] b7D
The informant knew of no funds being collected locally
during the past six months

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WFO 100-25474

In view of the fact that there has been no activity by the local Committee since the date of last report, WFO is not submitting a report in this matter.

Referenced NYairtel requested WFO to alert appropriate confidential informants and sources concerning the fact that members of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell would be in Washington, D.C. Appropriate informants and sources have been alerted and any information developed will be promptly furnished the Bureau and New York.

In the event that a local Committee is organized or information is developed indicating that there is organizational activity on a local level in Washington, D.C., this case will be reopened and Bureau and New York will be advised.

FILE # 100-107111

SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

SERIAL 4533 DATE 9-26-61

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100-387835

New York, New York
September 26, 1961

Re: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

A characterization of the Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJS) is attached hereto.

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The ¹⁹⁶⁰⁻¹⁹⁶¹~~1959-1960~~ Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.



9/26/61

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REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (41)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

[REDACTED]

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3 - BUREAU (100-387835) (Encl. 5) (RM)
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SAC, Phoenix (100-4333)

September 22, 1961

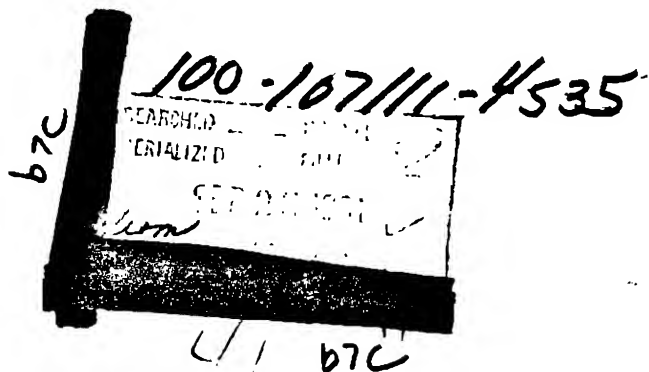
Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950.

RePXlet 9-15-61.

Relet and Phoenix letter to Bureau dated 3-16-61 indicate that captioned committee has not been active in the Phoenix territory during the past year. In view of this, the status of relet is being changed to RUC. This action will eliminate the semiannual report; however, will not relieve Phoenix of the responsibility of following any future activity by this committee should such occur. In the event future activity takes place, Phoenix should immediately advise the Bureau and New York, office of origin, and reinstitute reports in accordance with existing instructions.

① - New York (100-107111)



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100-387835

New York, New York
October 2, 1961

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Re: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act of 1950

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Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) is attached hereto.

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Committee to Secure Justice
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, which contains information secured on [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]

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This letterhead memorandum is classified Confidential since the information contained therein was secured from a confidential source, of continuing value, and the disclosure of the information furnished therein would tend to reveal the informant's identity. This disclosure would impair the future effectiveness of the informant, which in turn would seriously effect the national defense interests of the country.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

September 23, 1961

SA [REDACTED] b7C

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On September 12, 1961, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the writer with a handwritten report containing the [REDACTED] bank account of the captioned organization for the month of August, 1961. b7D, 2

This account is maintained at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It should be noted that the information furnished by this source is no longer in his possession. When using the information appearing on the bank statement for the day to day activities of this account, a statement should be made in the details of the report that this information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED] of this bank. Information concerning the checks drawn against this account should be explained with the statement that this information is no longer in the possession of the source and no record is maintained by the bank. b7D

The report is filed in [REDACTED] b7D

The report, as it relates to the captioned organization, is set forth as follows:

(1 - New York (100-) (Committee to Secure Justice
for MORTON SOBELL) (RM)
2 - Chicago [REDACTED]
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(3) b7D

[REDACTED] b7C
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Date	Checks	Deposits	Balance
			\$514.21
2		\$ 32.00	546.21
2		572.21	1118.42
7	\$ 27.30 \$500.00		591.12
9	30.00		561.12
15		61.00	621.12
31		37.00	659.12

Amount	Payee	Cleared Through
\$500.00	Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL	Corn Exchange - New York

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		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] Seattle, 3/31/61.

STATUS: - P* - b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and "T" symbols were utilized only in the instances where the identity of sources must be so concealed.

This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ since data reported herein by [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identification of an informant of continuing value and jeopardize the effectiveness thereof. b7D

Informants utilized in the characterization of the local adjunct to the subject organization were:

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Washington - [REDACTED]
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SEATTLE DIVISION
At Seattle, Washington

Will continue to follow and report the activities
of local branch of subject organization.

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Report of:
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SA [REDACTED]

Office: Seattle, Washington

SEP 29 1961

Field Office File No.:

100-22197

Bureau File No. 100-387835

Title:

**COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL**

Character:

**INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950**

Synopsis:

Seattle Sobell Committee has no present chairman,
and its treasury shows a balance of \$1.49 as of
9/11/61.

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

See Appendix for characterization
of subject organization.

I. OFFICERS

The Seattle Sobell Committee, as of
September 6, 1961, is still without a chairman. The
secretary, CAROLINE CANAFAX, appears to be the motivating
force in the local committee activities.

Source: [REDACTED]

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CAROLINE CANAFAX was a member of the
White Center Communist Party Club,
Seattle, as of June, 1961.

Source: [REDACTED]

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II. LOCATION

The Seattle Sobell Committee has no formal address.

Source: [REDACTED] b7D

III. FUNDS

The account of the Seattle Sobell Committee maintained with the Seattle Trust and Savings Bank in Seattle, as of September 11, 1961, had a balance of \$1.49. The account showed no activity since the last statement made on August 18, 1961.

Source: SE T-3 on 9/11/61

The above information is not to be made public except after the issuance of a subpoena directed to [REDACTED] Seattle Trust and Savings Bank, Seattle. b7D

IV. ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MARY GIBSON is not a member of either the Communist Party or the Socialist Workers Party. However, she has for years attended affairs sponsored by these organizations. She is also openly associated with persons known to the source as active in these organizations. She is sympathetic with many of the aims of these groups under the guise of being a liberal.

Source: [REDACTED] b7D

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

It was brought out that MORTON SOBELL must undergo a gall bladder operation, and it is hoped that the President will release him in order to undergo this operation outside the prison. Those present were asked to write to the President and appeal to their friends concerning the above. Plans were made to contact local ministers and rabbis to ask them to send a letter out concerning SOBELL's release.

[REDACTED]

Source:

[REDACTED]

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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The 1960-1961 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

A source advised that the Seattle Sobell Committee was formed during April, 1959, by an organizer of the Sobell Committee from Los Angeles. JODY HEATLIE, a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Seattle, was named Chairman, and CAROLINE CANAFAX was named Secretary.

The Socialist Workers Party and the Communist Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second source advised that CAROLINE CANAFAX was a member of the Communist Party in April, 1961, in Seattle.

[REDACTED] b7D

This same source advised that this Committee's purpose since its inception has been to raise funds and obtain public support for the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison.



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File No.

Seattle, Washington

Title COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b7C
dated and captioned as above,
at Seattle, Washington

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Reporting Office PHILADELPHIA	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 9/29/61	Investigative Period 8/24 - 9/25/61
TITLE OF CASE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL		Report made by [REDACTED] b7c	Typed By: fkd
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA - 1950	

SYNOPSIS

Reference

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 2/28/61 **b7c**
at Philadelphia.

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PHILADELPHIA

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will follow and report activities of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, local affiliate of captioned organization.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP (S) OF **[REDACTED]**
DATE **3/12/78** **[REDACTED]**

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PH 100-37667

Administrative Data

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only where identities must be concealed.

This report is classified confidential since information furnished by [REDACTED] could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof. b2

Copies of this report are being designated for G-2, ONI and OSI for information.

No information has been developed that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee maintains a bank account in Philadelphia. [REDACTED]

Additionally, the agent who regularly reviews bank accounts in the Philadelphia Division has been alerted for information indicating that subject organization might maintain an account through the review of the records of other bank accounts. b2D

Informants

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HELENE KLITCHER,
72nd Avenue,
Flushing, N.Y.

Characterization of HEATRICK GRAUMAN

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CSNY 425-S

Characterization of ROSE MAMLIN

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Appendix Informants

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Bureau File #: 100-387835

Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Synopsis:

Philadelphia Sobell Committee utilizes residence of PEARL CHERTOV, 2708 West Sterner Street and/or residence of JEAN FRANTJIS, 249 South Melville Street, both Philadelphia, as its headquarters and mailing address. Identities of officers [redacted] set out. PSC sponsored theater group party on 1/27/61. Other meetings sponsored by organization held in May and June 1961, and featured HELEN SOBELL and TED (JACOBS), respectively, as speakers. Activities of PSC during summer 1961, confined mostly to mailing literature received from National Office. Connections with CPEPD and Shoem Aleichem Club included.

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Details:

All addresses mentioned in this report are located in Philadelphia, Pa., unless otherwise indicated.

Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell (CSJMS) is characterized in the appendix section of this report.

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PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE (PSC)

A characterization of the PSC is set out in the appendix section of this report.

Headquarters

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED], that the PSC does not maintain a regular headquarters but utilizes the residences of PEARL CHERTOV, 2708 West Sterner Street, and/or JEAN FRANTJIS, 249 South Melville Street, as its headquarters and mailing address [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED], that PEARL CHERTOV as of this date was organizer of the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP). b7D

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On [REDACTED] advised that as of this date JEAN FRANTJIS was an active member of the Southwest Club, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD). b7D

Officers

On [REDACTED] advised the PSC currently has no formal organization as such. Informant added that as of several months ago the following were officers of the PSC: b7D

Chairman	-	PEARL CHERTOV
Secretary	-	HARRIET FAHEY
Treasurer	-	SARAH EPSTEIN

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Subversive Affiliations of Officers

HARRIET FAHEY

[REDACTED]

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SARAH EPSTEIN

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that SARAH EPSTEIN was a member of Lodge 169 of the International Workers Order (IWO) in 1953.

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The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

BEATRICE GRAUMAN

PH T-6 has advised that BEATRICE GRAUMAN was a member of the Communist Party (CP) in Washington, D.C., from 1943 to 1948. In 1947 and 1948 the informant was affiliated with what was known as the "Housewives Club" of the CP in Washington, D.C. PH T-6 advised that one of the members of this club was BEATRICE GRAUMAN.

ROSE MAMLIN

On January 16, 1949, and on April 17, 1952, PH T-7 advised that ROSE MAMLIN became a member of Lodge 496, Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the IWO in March 1947 and was a member of this lodge as of April 1952.

The JPFO of the IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

PH 100-37667

HENRIETTA OSTROY

[REDACTED] b1

LILLIAN MILLMAN

On [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] LILLIAN MILLMAN was a member of the Fifth CD Club, CPEPD. b7D

SADIE TIER

On [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] SADIE TIER was a member of one of the two Oak Lane clubs of the Germantown Section, CPEPD. b7D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

General Activities

[REDACTED] advised on February 3, 1961, that the PSC sponsored a theater group party on January 27, 1961, at a small theater, name unknown, on Delancey Street in center city Philadelphia. The play was entitled "The Prodigal" and was a legitimate theater play. Approximately forty persons attended the play on behalf of the PSC and the admission charge was \$2.00 per person. Informant advised that there were no announcements and no collection was made by the PSC of those in attendance. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on February 1, 1961, that he attended a theater group party sponsored by PSC in Philadelphia on January 27, 1961. [REDACTED] furnished substantially the same information regarding this affair as [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised that he received an invitation to a meeting sponsored by the PSC and scheduled for the evening of May 31, 1961, at 1002 66th Avenue. According to the invitation, Mrs. HELEN SOBELL and Rabbi SAMUEL H. BERKOWITZ would be the featured speakers. This item described Rabbi BERKOWITZ as "one of the nine signers of the educators' appeal circulated to colleges and universities in the Greater Philadelphia area." b7D

[REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C., as of February 1, 1944. b7D

On June 8, 1961, [REDACTED] reported that the PSC sponsored a meeting at 1002 66th Avenue, on May 13, 1961. Approximately fifty to fifty-five persons attended and paid an admission fee of \$1.00. The first speaker was Rabbi SAMUEL BERKOWITZ, who stated that he and other rabbis felt that the conviction of MORTON SOBELL was a miscarriage of justice. The next speaker, HELEN SOBELL, gave a resume of the MORTON SOBELL case and stated that the CSJMS was attempting to secure executive clemency for her husband who has now served one-third of his thirty year sentence. b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

On [REDACTED] advised that the PSC sponsored a meeting on June 24, 1961, at a private residence, specific address unknown, in the Elkins Terrace section, a suburb of Haddonfield, N.J. The informant stated that this meeting was arranged by JEAN FRANTJIS and was supposed to have featured HELEN SOBELL as guest. However, because of other commitments Mrs. SOBELL was unable to attend and the informant advised that a representative of the CSJMS from New York named TED (JACOBS) appeared in her place. The informant advised that TED gave the background of the MORTON SOBELL case for the benefit of those who were not familiar with it. TED stated that during the hysteria of the 1950s, when the administration was seeking the lives of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, SOBELL was brought to trial. He alleged that SOBELL was kidnapped from Mexico while vacationing there, beaten and brought back to America illegally and by force. He stated that SOBELL was convicted because of the hysteria and through false statements. b7D

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TED also remarked that many eminent persons, including attorneys and ministers, have signed statements attesting to SOBELL's innocence and seeking his release. He further stated that the present status of the case is that there is a petition for executive clemency which for the first time is being considered by the U.S. Department of Justice.

[REDACTED] advised that approximately twenty-six persons attended this affair [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that WILLIAM WOLF was an "old party hack" who was active in the Youth Movement of the CP. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised on August 25, 1961, that during the summer months of 1961, the PSC has been relatively inactive. Meetings of the group are not held with any degree of regularity. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED]

Connections With Other Organizations

CPEPD

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Philadelphia Jewish Cultural Clubs
(PJCC)

The Sholem Aleichem Club (SAC) which is affiliated with the PJCC is characterized in the appendix section of this report.

[REDACTED] furnished the January 1961 issue of "Sholem Aleichem News," a publication of the SAC. Page four, column two of this issue sets forth information that ANNE ZUCKER, 345 Glen Echo Road, has tickets for the presentation of "The Prodigal" and mentions that proceeds from the sale of these tickets will go to the PSC. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that ANNE ZUCKER was, as of August 5, 1959, a member of one of the CP Clubs in the Germantown section, CPEPD. b2

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[REDACTED] furnished the May 1961 issue of the "Sholem Aleichem News." Page six, column one of this issue contains a copy of a letter from BESS KATZ, chairman of the SAC, addressed to the President, Washington, D.C., under date of April 5, 1961, asking for the commutation of the sentence of MORTON SOBELL. b7D

On July 5, 1948, PH T-19 advised that BESS KATZ as of this date was a member of the Mother Bloor West Club, CPEPD.

APPENDIX

CHARACTERIZATION OF ORGANIZATIONS

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case'"

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated January 2, 1957, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 60.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The 1960-61 Borough of Manhattan telephone directory lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE

On January 23, 1953, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Philadelphia Police Department, advised that by letter dated October 10, 1952, the Philadelphia Police Department had received notification of a meeting under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case to be held in Philadelphia on October 14, 1952. b7D

On April 14, 1953, [REDACTED] Division of Solicitations, Department of Public Instruction, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 812 Blackstone Building, Harrisburg, Pa., advised that by letter dated February 17, 1953, JEAN D. FRANTJIS, as Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa., had advised the Division of Solicitations that the Philadelphia Committee was an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and that the purpose of the local committee was to solicit money to be used to meet expenses in carrying on appeals in the Rosenberg Case and maintaining the Rosenberg children. b7D

Literature issued by the Committee on the dates indicated reflects the following variations of the names of the Philadelphia Committee which have been utilized:

2/11/53	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
10/14/53	Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
10/19/53	Philadelphia Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.

7/8/54

Philadelphia Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell in the
Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805,
Philadelphia, Pa.

On March 14, 1956, a source advised that the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case was being disbanded because of a lack of funds and a lack of activity on the part of the Committee.

On [REDACTED] source advised that on April 7, 1958, a meeting was held in Philadelphia to re-establish this Committee in Philadelphia, and that the Committee would be called the Philadelphia Sobell Committee. b7d

Another source advised on May 29, 1960, and the first source stated on May 19, 1961, that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to operate as a local affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It is a non-membership organization which conducts its activities through a Planning Committee consisting of no set number of people, usually eight to twelve individuals. PEARL CHERTOV is the Chairman of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, and JEAN D. FRANTJIS takes a leading role in the Planning Committee activities.

A third source advised on May 26, 1960 that as of that date PEARL CHERTOV was the Organizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

The fourth source advised on November 30, 1959 that JEAN D. FRANTJIS attended the two-day District Convention of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, held at Philadelphia, Pa., on November 28-29, 1959.

The CPUSA and the SWP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JEWISH PROGRAM SERVICE COMMITTEE
formerly the Jewish Publication and
Cultural Committee, Jewish Publica-
tion and Research Committee (and
affiliated clubs and societies), known
locally as Philadelphia Jewish Cultural
Clubs; Jewish Cultural Clubs of Phila-
delphia

A source on July 30, 1957 advised as follows:

The Philadelphia Jewish Cultural Clubs (PJCC), aka Jewish Cultural Clubs of Philadelphia, were formed in the spring months of 1954. Actually, the basis for the formation of the PJCC was laid in the fall months of 1953 when it appeared certain that the International Workers Order (IWO) would be dissolved pursuant to an order of liquidation by the New York state courts.

SOL ROTENBERG, former Executive Director, Philadelphia Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO), IWO, in late 1953 laid the groundwork for the formation of the PJCC, using as a nucleus former JPFO, IWO members. In early 1954, he provided leadership in the establishment of the PJCC and also set up the Coordinating Committee, PJCC, composed of delegates from the Culture Clubs of the PJCC. The purpose of this committee was to provide leadership, long-range planning and coordination of the activities of the various culture clubs.

A second source on June 21, 1954 advised that SOL ROTENBERG was a member of the Philadelphia City Committee, CPEPD, as of June, 1954. On April 1, 1957, this source advised that as of March, 1957 ROTENBERG was a member of the District Committee, CPEPD.

A third source advised on May 26, 1961 that the PJCC continues to be active in Philadelphia with the Sholom Aleichem Club being the largest, most active and aggressive in the PJCC with a membership of about 150 people. The following cultural clubs are also active in Philadelphia, but do not have the large membership of the Sholom Aleichem Club:

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Wynnefield Jewish Culture Club
Uptown Mutual Aid Society
North East Culture Club

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The Strawberry Mansion Culture Club is presently inactive.

The IWO and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

SEP 29 1961

Title COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] dated *b7c*
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

October 6, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
Internal Security - C
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A characterization of the Committee to Secure
Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) is attached
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FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS - C
ISA - 1950
(OO: NY)

Enclosed herewith are six (6) copies of a letterhead memo suitable for dissemination, which contains information secured on [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] b1

One copy of this letterhead memo and airtel is being furnished to the WF, PH, LA, SF, NH, CG, CV and BS Offices for information purposes. b7c, [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (100-387835)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL -
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Rerep SA [REDACTED] 9-22-61, Albany. b7C

The only activity reported in rerep is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This information was previously included in the report of SA [REDACTED] 3-22-61 at Albany. The current report does include additional sources furnishing information [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The report, however, does not indicate the current activity, if any, of the Committee. In view of this the Bureau is changing the status of rerep to pending and Albany and New York should do likewise. Albany should immediately conduct additional investigation to determine the current activity and status of the Syracuse Sobell Committee and promptly submit a report of the results of this additional check.

b7C, b7D

Reports should contain all available information concerning the activity of an organization up to the time of submission. While it is recognized that additional information might become available after a report is written bearing upon the activity reported previously thus requiring the inclusion of such information in a subsequent report, every effort should be made to make each report complete at the time of submission. Albany will be expected to follow this procedure in future reports and to make certain that current investigation is conducted at the time of submission of each report to insure the timeliness of the report.

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Letter to SAC, Albany
RE: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
- FOR MORTON SOBELL
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The following additional errors were noted which require corrective action. These corrections should be handled by return mail. The first line of the details indicates [redacted] furnished information on [redacted]. It appears this date should be [redacted]. On page three [redacted] furnished information concerning the [redacted] Albany report of 3-22-61 indicated on page five [redacted] furnished information regarding the [redacted].
Furnish the correct date informant provided this information.

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Additionally, the following errors were noted which should be carefully considered when writing future reports. Incorrect number of copies of the report were furnished the Bureau and the New York Office. This same type error was called to your attention at the time of submission of previous report. Characterizations of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell and the Syracuse Sobell Committee are included in the first part of the details. Characterizations should be included in the appendix sections of the reports. The first sentence of the synopsis indicates Lillian Reiner is the Chairman of the Syracuse Sobell Committee. The details show that this information came from the characterization, a portion of which appears on page 2a which indicates she was Chairman as of 9-16-60. There is no current date to show Reiner is presently Chairman. This information should be brought up to date in the next report.

The foregoing comments and instructions of the Bureau should be carefully reviewed and immediately handled. Form errors should be scored against responsible personnel where appropriate.

Albany furnish the Bureau an up-to-date characterization of the Syracuse Sobell Committee.

10/11/61

AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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(OO: NY)

According to NY 2471-S*, on 10/11/61, SEYMOUR JOSEPH, a reporter for "The Worker," contacted Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, and advised her that he was "doing a story" on the SOBELL case and inquired about the results of her picketing of the White House in Washington, D.C. on 10/9/61. HELEN SOBELL replied that her request for an interview with Mrs. KENNEDY had been denied, that her children had talked with Presidential Aide TOM WHITE, and that the picketing of the White House by the SOBELL family had been covered by both CBS T.V. cameras and the UPI News Service. HELEN SOBELL advised JOSEPH that a large turnout was expected for the picketing of the White House in Washington, D.C. on 10/16/61.

A letterhead memorandum for dissemination is not being prepared concerning the above info because substantially the same info has been previously furnished the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination and the only item not previously reported is that JOSEPH is "doing a story" on the SOBELL case for "The Worker."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

On 10/14/61, [REDACTED] learned that the "National Sobell Committee" plans to picket the White House, Washington, D. C., from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, 10/16/61. An undetermined number of persons from New York City are scheduled to arrive in Washington, D. C., on Monday morning to participate in the picketing with local people. b2

US Secret Service, Metropolitan Police Department and US Park Police orally advised this date, and local intelligence agencies will be advised of the above picketing.

WFO will cover picketing and submit appropriate communications.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
IS-C; ISA, 1950

Rebulet dated 10/6/61.

Re report dated 9/22/61, at Albany. The first line of the details reflects [REDACTED] furnished information on [REDACTED]. This should read [REDACTED]

On page 3, re report dated 9/22/61, [REDACTED] furnished information concerning the [REDACTED]. This is the correct date the Informant furnished this information. b7D

Re report dated March 22, 1961, at Albany, on page 5, [REDACTED] furnished information regarding the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. This should read [REDACTED] as the date reported by the Informant. b7D

A report will be immediately sent to the Bureau, however, it should be noted no activity on the part of the Syracuse Sobell Committee has been noted [REDACTED] b7D

A new characterization of the Syracuse Sobell Committee is submitted separately.

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TITLE OF CASE <u>CHANGED</u> COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, BALTIMORE BRANCH		Report made by [REDACTED] b7C	Typed By: EJM
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C; ISA OF 1950	

Synopsis:

The title of this report is being marked "changed" to add "Baltimore Branch".

REFERENCE

Report of SA **[REDACTED]** 4/11/61, Baltimore.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Copies of this report have been designated for local intelligence agencies because of their interest in CP and CP front activities.

INFORMANTS

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Location

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AT BALTIMORE, MD.

Will continue to follow and report local activities of captioned organization.

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Report of:

Date:

SA [REDACTED] b7c
October 18, 1961

Office:

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Title:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL,
BALTIMORE BRANCH

Character:

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

I. MEMBERSHIP

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that JULIA SAMUELS was [REDACTED] a Communist Party (CP) member as of that date.

On [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] identified SIRKKA LEE as a member of the CP, Maryland-D. C. District, as of that date.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that LEAH KATZ was a member of the CP during 1952.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] [REDACTED], that DOROTHY GREEN was a member of the CP, Maryland-D. C. District, as of that date.

II. FUNDS

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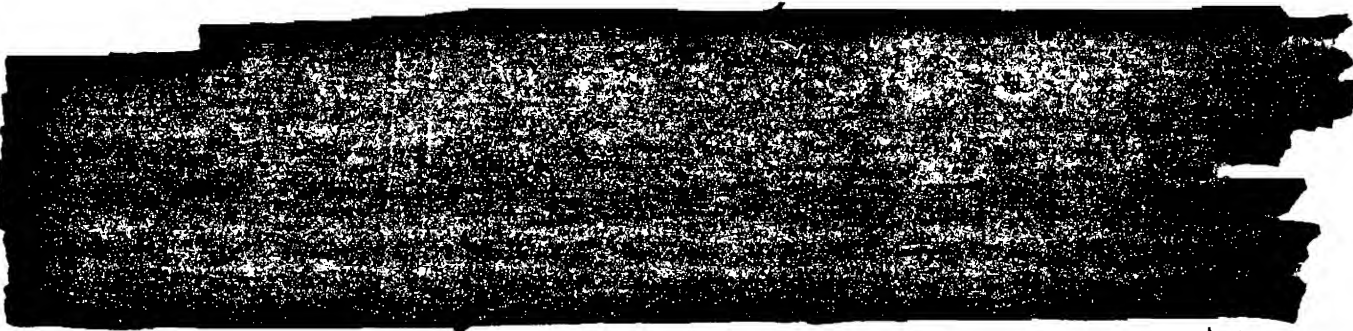
JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

III. PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES

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IV. CONNECTIONS WITH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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October 18, 1961

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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FOR MORTON SOBELL,
BALTIMORE BRANCH

Character

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reference

Report of SA [REDACTED]
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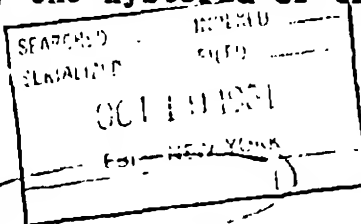
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
October 17, 1961

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On October 16, 1961, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed a group of people with picket signs start to assemble in front of the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 1:29 p.m. At 1:50 p.m. the group consisted of about 14 people. Led by Aaron Katz who will be described later, they entered the west gate of the White House at 1:50 p.m. and conferred with the guards at the guardhouse. They were told that the President was entertaining the President of Finland at the White House and no picketing would be allowed in front of the White House while the Finnish President was either at the White House or at Blair House across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. They were told that they would have to picket on H Street, N.W., north of Lafayette Park. However, the Finnish President was scheduled to leave the White House at 2:30 p.m. and return to Blair House at 3:30 p.m. During that hour they would be allowed to picket in front of the White House as long as they were 500 feet from Blair House. Katz had a letter he desired to deliver to the President but after a call to the White House offices his request was not granted.

The group moved east on Pennsylvania Avenue to a spot near the east gate where they stood around and talked. At 2:55 p.m., after the President's guests departed the White House, the group began to picket. The picketing group consisted of 17 people, two of whom were passing out literature to passers-by. The literature was a leaflet headed "From the Reverend Peter McCormack, San Francisco, California, former Protestant Chaplain at Alcatraz." The letter, signed by Reverend McCormack, was addressed to "Dear Friend" and said that Peter McCormack was convinced of Sobell's innocence and somewhat ashamed that the courts of our land could be so influenced by public opinion fed by the hysteria of the



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McCarthy era. Reverend McCormack said in the letter that he had set out in an address entitled "Alcatraz Was My Parish" his evaluation of Sobell and the injustice perpetrated upon Sobell by detaining him in prison.

Reverend McCormack's letter continued that the cry for justice has sounded many times through the centuries from the time of Amos the Prophet down to the present. Reverend McCormack wrote that to him no cry has had such merit to it as the cry for justice for Morton Sobell. The letter said that Reverend McCormack was satisfied that if the Clergy of this land would acquaint themselves with this case the pressure of this segment of public opinion would compel the courts to reopen the case.

At the bottom of the leaflet was a block asking the reader to read this testimony to Morton Sobell from his chaplain at Alcatraz. It asked the reader to match Reverend McCormack's courage and join the hundreds of clergymen from various parts of the country who had signed the "enclosed appeal" (no appeal was enclosed with the leaflet). The message in the block was signed by:

Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr., Friendship Baptist Church, New York, New York.

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, 930 East 50th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Paul Lehmann, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Roland H. Bainton, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

The group carried the following signs during the picketing.

"Famed writer James T. Farrell says 'I have the sick feeling that an innocent man is in prison.' "

" 'This case demonstrates a particularly twisted idea of justice' Norman Thomas."

"In Illinois hundreds of clergymen asked Sobell's release."

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"Only one witness, a confessed perjurer, accused Sobell."

"Thousands in New York have attended public meetings to free Morton Sobell."

" 'New York Post' says Sobell's plea for clemency should be granted."

" 'Convinced of Sobell's innocence' wire philosophers Bertrand Russell of England and Martin Buber of Israel."

"Mr. President hear our plea for justice! Free Morton Sobell."

" 'I am opposed to continued imprisonment of Morton Sobell' - Roger Baldwin, Chairman, International League for Rights of Man."

"Californians urge Morton Sobell's freedom."

" 'I believe him innocent' says his former prison chaplain Rev. Peter McCormack, Daly City, California."

"Not vengeance Mr. President but justice for my innocent son Morton Sobell."

"Mr. President I can't believe you want to persecute my innocent son. Free Morton Sobell."

"Leaders of the world please use your influence to free my innocent husband, Morton Sobell."

President Kennedy, justice begins at home. Free my innocent husband Morton Sobell."

" 'New Republic Magazine,' Washington, D. C., supports commutation of Sobell's sentence."

"Pennsylvania educators and members of the Society of Friends have appealed for Sobell's freedom."

"Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize Scientist, says 'You can't tell what Sobell is even supposed to have done.' "

"Mr. President Ohians ask you to grant Morton Sobell clemency."

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At 3:25 p.m. the picketing was discontinued and after a conference with the police the group left the White House.

At 4:13 p.m. a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed that a group of eight of the individuals who were at the White House arrived at 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and prepared to picket the United States Department of Justice. At 4:25 p.m. this group of eight persons began to picket at 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. At 5:15 p.m. they discontinued to picket, crossed Pennsylvania Avenue to the north side and left the area.

Persons observed in the picket line at the White House included:

Helen Sobell, Morton Sobell's wife.

Rose Sobell, Morton Sobell's mother.

Helen Gurewitz.

Aaron Katz.

Ethel Weighbrod.

Sophie Rich.

Marcus Goldman.

Helen Sobell, Rose Sobell, Marcus Goldman and Aaron Katz were also among those who picketed the Department of Justice.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that Helen Gurewitz (Helen Sobell, Mrs. Morton Sobell) was a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] b7D

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(Helen Sobell, prior to her marriage to Morton Sobell, was married to the husband of the present Helen Gurewitz who will be described below)

[REDACTED] advised during 1950 that the Sobell family had resided at that address from about July, 1931, to December, 1940.

[REDACTED] and he added that although he believed Rose Sobell to be a CP member because of this he could not confirm her as a member of the CP of a CP front organization. b7D

[REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 26, 1960, that the present Helen Gurewitz was a member of the CP as of October 25, 1960. b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [REDACTED] that Aaron Katz was a member of the CP. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED] learned [REDACTED] that Ethel Weighbrod had admitted to this person that she was a current CP member. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that Sophie Rich was a member of the CP in Washington, D. C., as of 1949. b7D

On January 29, 1959, WF T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Marcus Goldman had recently commented that while he was not an active communist he was still adhering to the ideals of the CP at that time.

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WF T-5 advised on October 14, 1961 that the picketing on October 16, 1961 was planned by The Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell.

A description of The Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is attached.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/17/61

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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Remyairtel 10/14/61, advising that WFO would cover picketing at White House 10/16/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six, for New York two, for New Haven one, for Chicago one, and for Boston one copies of a letterhead memo containing information about the White House picketing by captioned organization on Monday, 10/16/61.

Copies of this letterhead memo are being furnished to G-2, ONI and OSI locally.

The Agents participating in the surveillance of the picket line at the White House were SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7C

SA [REDACTED] observed the picketing at the Department of Justice. b7C

SA [REDACTED] received the subject matter of the discussions between the picketers and the police from [REDACTED] of the Metropolitan Police Department. b7C, b7D

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WFO will follow the planning for the mass picket in November through information received from WFO sources and will keep the Bureau and New York advised of any information received.

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(2) - New York (100-107111) (Enc.2) (RM)

1 - Boston (100-27290) (Enc.1) (Info) (RM)

1 - Chicago (100-25530) (Enc.1) (Info) (RM)

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WFO will attempt through hotel contacts to ascertain the identities of others who may have participated in the picket line on 10/16/61 and advise the appropriate offices.

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There were no incidents in connection with the pickets at the White House or at the Department of Justice.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100 - 107111)

DATE: 2/9/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED] Sect 41

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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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